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FROM: Jeremy M. Hughes, Ph.D., Acting Superintendent 

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SUBJECT: 2004-2005 Competitive Charter School Dissemination Grant--Tenth Cycle

The Michigan Department of Education is pleased to announce a second round of funding availability for the Dissemination Grant of the 2004-2005 Charter School Grant Program--Tenth Cycle. This competitive grant program is supported through funds from the United States Department of Education.

The purpose of this part of the program is to provide funding on a competitive basis for public school academies that have been in operation for at least three (3) consecutive years, have not received a Dissemination Grant in the past, and have demonstrated overall success including:

- substantial progress in improving student achievement;
- high levels of parent satisfaction; and
- the management and leadership necessary to overcome initial start-up problems and establish a thriving, financially viable charter school.

In this part of the program, funds totaling \$600,000 may be made available for activities consistent with the grant program criteria. The amount of individual grant awards will depend upon the number and quality of the proposals received, the amount of funds requested and the recommendations of the grant reviewers and the Michigan Department of Education.

Applications for the 2004-2005 Charter School Dissemination Grant--Tenth Cycle must be completed and submitted using the Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS). This system is available at <http://meis.mde.state.mi.us/megs> and requires a MEIS Login and Password, as well as the appropriate level of access to MEGS. The application criteria can be found on the Michigan Department of Education website under the section "What's New": [http://michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530\\_6559\\_6558---,00.html](http://michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530_6559_6558---,00.html)

Applications must be received at the Michigan Department of Education by **Friday, April 1, 2005**. It is anticipated that awards will be finalized during the early part of **May 2005**.

Questions about the Charter School Grant Program or the application materials may be directed to Greg Olszta in the Public School Academy Program at 517/241-4715.

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